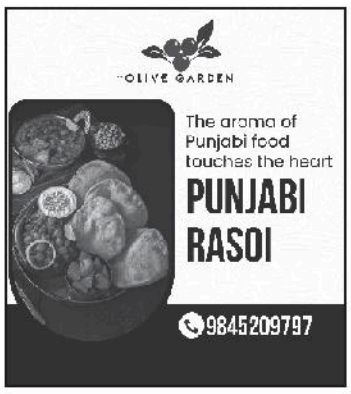

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DC warns of action if jobs denied to land-losers

Land-losers demand jobs for distant relatives; do not have required qualification and harass industries: Company HR Departments

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (RK & BCT)- Against the grim backdrop of the recent suicide of 32-year-old Siddaraju, who alleged that the factory to which he had surrendered his fertile land failed to provide him employment at Adakanahalli village, Nanjangud taluk, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has issued a stern warning to companies.

He cautioned that the allocation of land to businesses and industries could be revoked and their licences could be cancelled if local residents, who have relinquished their land for industrial purposes, are not provided with jobs.

The DC's warning came during the Kaigarika Adalat held yesterday at Zilla Panchayat Auditorium along with Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) Dr. Mahesh. Human Resource (HR) personnel from various companies, present at the meeting, were instructed to expedite the process of development and provide job opportunities in the Mysuru region.

The District Administration and KIADB expressed their commitment to offering support to industrialists interested in establishing industries in the region. To create a conducive environment, the Deputy Commissioner urged industrialists to

Dr. K.V. Rajendra, DC

fulfil their commitment to provide jobs to farmers who lose their land to industries.

CM's intervention

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that after Siddaraju's death came to light, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and his son Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, who is the Chairman of the Ashraya Committee in Varuna Assembly Constituency represented by his father, took up the issue with KIADB and asked the officers to probe why jobs are not being provided to land-losers despite a Government and KIADB policy.

Though the DC of Mysuru too had instructed the industries to provide jobs to land-losers, the industries had ignored the Government's directions, Yathindra had lamented later.

On their part, the HR personnel and company representatives told the DC and the KIADB CEO that they have been providing jobs to land-losers as per policy. "However, there are many issues in identification of legal heirs of the land-losers that is very different from the definition of family given in the policy," they said.

One HR Manager complained to the DC that jobs are being demanded to distant relatives of the land losers who lack qualification to enter the job stream. "There are many who come with SSLC pass/fail certificates for a good job. If jobs are denied as they do not have the qualifications or the skill sets, there are instances where the water supply to the company is disconnected and money is demanded to restore water," he said.

(See ACTION on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 2nd December 2023

Mysuru Gravel Fest tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 2- Mysuru Gravel Fest-2023, a car racing event, organised by Automotive Sports Club of Mysuru (ASCOM) with support from the Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka, will be held at the gravel circuit next to Lalitha Mahal helipad tomorrow morning.

The Gravel Fest will be formally inaugurated by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar later today in front of Lalitha Mahal Palace.

More than 100 drivers from New Delhi, Maharashtra, Goa, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and other parts of the country will be competing with expert drivers of Karnataka. Racers Den Thimmaiah, Chethan Shivaram, Jahaan Gill, Nikitha Takale and other expert racing drivers will be taking part. Fastest driver of the day will be conferred with 'Mysuru Gravel King-2023' along with a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh. Winners of various events will be presented with a silver trophy.

To encourage local lads, ASCOM has a special race category for young local drivers of Mysuru with 26 city youths participating.

To make the event family friendly, ASCOM has constructed stadium-like seating arrangements for public to sit and enjoy the racing action. Big LCD screens will be strategically placed around the circuit for spectators to catch the full racing action. The circuit will house a dedicated food and beverage stalls. The venue is equipped with chemical toilets, a well-marked out parking area. Extra precautions are taken to ensure that event is safe for both participants and spectators.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Recently, cybercrimes have eclipsed traditional professional crimes like dacoities, robberies, burglaries and thefts of physical property. Almost 20 per cent of the crimes reported in metropolitan cities are now cybercrimes. In Karnataka, over the last five years, more than 57,000 cybercrimes have been registered. Due to the novel modus operandi involving technology, the detection rate is not satisfactory. Investigating and prosecuting cybercrimes is more challenging than traditional crimes for the following reasons:

Cybercriminals are highly intelligent and use sophisticated gadgets that are difficult to trace. Cybercrimes have a non-local character, occurring in jurisdictions separated by vast distances. Perpetrators can commit cybercrimes from any country. Investigation agencies do not get adequate cooperation from social media networks and service providers.

To effectively combat the emerging threats of cybercrime, Police Officers need to be equipped with advanced technologies in line with changing times. In addition to the traditional investigation skillsets, Police Officers must have the technical know-how to navigate the complicated cyberspace successfully. Traditionally, Police Departments in India have had an unfriendly relationship with technology. However, there is no way one can ignore and/or resist the adoption of new technologies any longer since recent developments in information technology have changed the attitudes and perceptions of Police forces as well as criminals.

Undoubtedly, the technologically sophisticated types of crimes related to these perceptions and attitudes will increase and continue. However, the effective use of technological advancements and the implications of utilising IT for policing will be helpful in combating crimes.

The setting up of the country's first Cybercrime Police Station at CID Headquarters, Bengaluru, way back in 2001, reflects the Karnataka Police's efforts in addressing the challenges.

—M.A. Saleem, Director General of Police, CID, Economic Offences and Special Units, Bengaluru, in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Spider lays eggs in man's toe

France: Colin Blake and his wife were spending the evening in Marseille, in the south of France, after the ship had docked on their 35th wedding anniversary trip - when his toe swelled up and turned purple.

The following day, he visited the on-board doctor who told him a Peruvian wolf spider had bitten him and laid eggs inside his toe. Wolf spiders, which are not poisonous, are often found in the French port city after arriving on cargo ships.

Blake, who lives in Cramlington, Northumberland, said: "My wife thought it may be because I had new sandals and they were rubbing on my big toe and was causing it to be red."

The doctor cut his toe open, causing the spider's eggs to pour out. After the holiday, Blake went to hospital in the UK where doctors prescribed antibiotics. On another visit to the doctors, they discovered one of the eggs had hatched into a small spider, which was stuck underneath his skin.

Passenger climbs on plane's wing

New Orleans: A passenger on board a plane was taken to hospital after opening the emergency exit door and climbing onto the wing. The 38-year-old man was found "incoherent and not fully aware of his surroundings", Police said, after he had jumped to the ground and was captured by staff near the plane in New Orleans.

The Southwest Airlines flight had not yet taken off from Louis Armstrong International Airport at that point. "There is no indication that the man left anything on the plane, nor was he found in possession of any weapons of any type," Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office said.

"He is not expected to face any criminal charges locally, however the investigation has been referred to federal authorities. No one was injured during the incident." Contrary to reports the man had been arrested, Police said he was actually taken to hospital as officers believed he was "suffering from a mental health emergency."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Regular PAPSMEAR test (once in 3 years) is necessary for all women aged 21 to 65 years, who are sexually active. This test is for the detection of any precancerous condition in the mouth of the uterus(cervix) which is treatable.

By Dr. Amulya K.G., Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Musical Nite in memory of Puttanna Kanagal on Dec.3

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (GA&TRR)- A musical nite in memory of renowned Kannada Film Director late **Puttanna Kanagal** has been organised as part of his birth anniversary on Dec.3 at 5 pm at Centenary Hall of Sarada Vilas College in Krishnamurthypuram.

The programme is being jointly organised by Bhumika Associates and late Mike Chandru Fans Association, said All India Radio (AIR) artiste Manjunath while speaking to media persons at Patrakartara Bhavana in the city on Thursday.

Singers Sri Harsha, Nitin Rajaram Shastri, Mysuru Anand, Divya Sachidananda and Hamsini S. Kumar will render the songs from Puttanna Kanagal films. They will be accompanied by Vinay Rangadhol on Rhythm Pad, Melwin Lima and Sharath on Keyboard, Varsha on Flute, Atmaram on Tabla and Ravikiran on Dholak.

Entry is free for the public and the organisers have appealed people to participate in large numbers. Founder of Bhumika Associates Suresh, members H. Ashwathnarayana, Vasu and Murali were present.

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Yesterday's level **97.30 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,837.37 feet**
Today's Inflow **1,064 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **616 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **82 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,821 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,050 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *A female deer is called a Doe.*
- *Deer have a maximum life span of 20 years.*
- *They can live up to 20 years of age depending on the environment; and although Deer have the potential, it's unlikely they do.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: What do you call a line of dads waiting to get haircuts?

A: The barberqueue!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.22
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.68
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.66
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.65

VOICE OF THE READER

This road in Yadavagiri needs immediate attention

Sir,

The road between the Railway Quarters and Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri leading to VV Puram Police Station was dug up for pipeline laying works several months ago.

This road and the huge five-street intersection with KRS Road, has been crudely backfilled by the concerned department. Absolutely no levelling with the backfilled material loosening up and rocks spreading out as all kinds of vehicle ride over them day in and day out.

We don't know which department is now going to pick up the road work, if they have the budget and if they are even aware of this left out work.

It is risky and tedious to navigate this one-mile stretch, on daily basis for the last about eight months, to all kinds of motorists — School buses, tourists to KRS, local commuters, etc.

Hope this letter draws the attention of the local MLA and the civic administration for suitable immediate action at the earliest.

—Ravishankar Bale
Yadavagiri
30.11.2023

Columnist G.L. Tripurantaka is 'Rayabhaari Kannada Lekhaka'

Mysuru, Dec. 2- G.L. Tripurantaka, *'Mysuru Mithra'* columnist, was conferred 'Rayabhaari Kannada Lekhaka' award while writer Lakshmi Satish was conferred with 'Rayabhaari Praani Daya' award at the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations organised by Mysore Ambassador Lions Club at a private hotel here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Tripurantaka said "Though we may learn many languages for livelihood, Kannada should be the language of our heart. We are tending to forget our mother-tongue because of love for other languages. Children can best understand mother-tongue more than any other language."

Stressing on the need for imparting primary education to children in their mother-tongue, he cited numerous examples where international-level achievers have had their primary education in Kannada medium. Asserting that those who get primary education in their mother-tongue will learn 10 other languages, he said that 'Rajyotsava must not be restricted to just November but should be celebrated as Nityotsava, everyday'.

Continuing, he said though Europeans do not worship rivers, they keep them clean. But in India we worship rivers Ganga, Tunga, Cauvery, Kapila and at the same time we pollute them by throwing all types of wastes into them. Coming under the words of some soothsayers, we are also throwing our inner wears into rivers which is worse. The influence of other cultures on this land has deprived us from understanding the richness of the motherland, he bemoaned. C.R. Dinesh, Secretary, K.T. Vishnu, Treasurer, P.B. Karunakar, P. Puttaswamy and others were present.

Obituary

Balthazar D'Souza

Mysuru, Dec. 2- Balthazar D'Souza (65), a resident of No. 1152, 1st Stage, Rajivnagar, Mysuru, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Leena D'Souza, sons Sachin D'Souza and Roshan D'Souza and a host of friends and relatives. Funeral later today at Rammanahalli Cemetery, according to family sources

S.C. Shankaran

S.C. Shankaran (91), retired Chief Cameraman of CIIL, Mysuru and a resident of Gokulam in city, passed away here on Friday.

He is survived by his wife T.R. Vijaya, a retired Professor at Banumaiah College, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

His body was donated to Government Nature Cure and Yoga Medical College on KRS Road, according to family sources.

Sri Gowda

Hunsur: Sri Gowda (58), son of TAPCMS President Karigowda and a resident of Kuppe village in the taluk, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru on Friday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his farm yesterday, , according to family sources.

Neha S. Raju

Hassan: Neha S. Raju (17), daughter of *'Mysuru Mithra'* Hassan reporter Somesh, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Friday following brief illness.

She was a meritorious student and had scored 624/625 marks in SSLC last year, becoming the State topper.

She was honoured with Pratibha Puraskar by Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) for her achievement.

Her body was donated to Hassan Medical College as per her wish.

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'Amma' award for city writer

Mysuru, Dec. 2- Writer Suchitra Hegde of Mysuru was conferred the prestigious 23rd State-level 'Amma' award given by Matoshri Mahadevamma Nagappa Munnur Pratishtana of Sedam at a programme held at Shambhavi Rangamantapa in Sri Panchalingeshwara temple at Sedam town in Kalaburagi district recently. She received the award for her travelogue titled 'Jagava Suttuva Maaye.'

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil said that there can be no match for the love and affection shown by a mother to her child. The name 'Amma', meaning mother and the transparency that is maintained in the selection for the award, has enhanced the prestige of the award, he said adding that the award has a special significance in the Kannada literary world.

Speaking as chief guest, cultural thinker Siddaramaiah said that the minds of every one can be won through non-violence. Noting that awards should come searching for writers, he said that this will enhance the prestige of the award and 'Amma' award is a perfect example for this.

Scripture expert Dr. Devarakondareddy of Bengaluru stressed on the need for establishment of cultural centres in Kalyana Karnataka region.

Central University of Karnataka's Kannada faculty Dr. Vikram Visaje emphasised on the need for publication of more literature that provides deep insight on societal issues in keeping with contemporary times.

About the awardee

Amma' awardee Suchitra Hegde was born and brought up in Kumta taluk of Uttara Kannada district. After completing her degree in English Literature at Kumta's Baliga College, she passed out B.Ed securing a rank. She got her PG degree in English Literature from Karnatak University, Dharwad. A passionate writer during her college days, her first collection of poems titled 'Eee Chitte Kaadida Haage' was published by Madilu Prakashana, Mysuru, in 2021.

Suchitra, who has toured more than 30 countries, has shared her experiences in the travelogue 'Jagava Suttuva Maaye,' published by Kavita Prakashana in June 2022. The book earned widespread praise for its exhaustive narration of the author's travel experiences. Apart from writing, she has organised workshops on creative writing, writing travelogues, poems and the like in several Colleges at Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Suchitra had served in various educational institutions as Head Mistress, Principal, Head of the English Department etc., before settling down in Mysuru.

A resident of Gokulam Second Stage, Suchitra is the wife of Anant Hegde, Senior General Manager in BNPM, Mysuru.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

Due to emergency maintenance works at 220/66/11 KV Kadakola Power Receiving Station, there will be power disruption in the following areas from 10 am to 6 pm tomorrow (Dec. 3): Kadakola, Kadakola Industrial Area, Byathahalli, Sindhuvalli, Dadadahalli, Doddakanya, Chikkakanya, Marase, Makanahundi, Koodanahalli, Kochanahalli, Mysore Airport in Mandakalli and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer (EE), Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), N.R. Mohalla.

'Geeth Sangam' Musical Nite

Music Lovers Orchestra team, headed by Kavita Kamath, will present 'Geeth Sangam,' a Musical Nite of popular hits from Kannada and Hindi films, at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium in the city at 5.30 pm tomorrow (Dec. 3). The team comprises Kavita Kamath, Nityananda Kamat, Sadashiva Shenoy, Hedathale Narayan, Dr. Somnath Vasudev, Dr. Seethalakshmi, Dr. K.R. Manjunath, Dr. Bharati, Nikhil Prabhu, Suma Prakash and Jayalakshmi Naidu. Dr. R.L. Jagadeesh and M.R. Anitha will compere the programme. Entry to the public is free, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 80500-15626.

Blood Donation camp tomorrow

The District Unit of Akhila Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association has organised a Blood Donation Camp tomorrow at Rotary West School auditorium, Saraswathipuram in city from 8 am to 4 pm, said Association General Secretary H.S. Nanjundaswamy. Association President K.C. Divakar will inaugurate the camp. Rotary Heritage President C. Jagadish, Association Hon. President and MLC C.N. Manjegowda, MLAs K. Harishgowda & T.S. Srivatsa, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev will be present. For details, contact C. Jagadish on Mob: 93417-43266 or K.P. Divakar on Mob: 96636-00029.

Matrimonial Meet on Dec. 12

Mysuru Balija Seva Samiti has organised a matrimonial meet for the prospective brides and grooms of the community on Dec. 12 at Sri Durga Parameshwari Temple premises, Ittigegud, at 10.30 am. There is provision for remarriage also. Those interested may contact K. Lingaraju on Mob: 90089-12444 for registration, according to a press release.

HM, Attender 'misbehave' with girl students on tour

Students of Govt. High School, Beechanahalli, H.D. Kote taluk 'suffer' at the hands of Head Master, Attender; Angry parents manhandle accused duo on returning from trip; HM goes on unauthorised leave, while another attempts suicide

Beechanahalli, Dec. 2 (Manju &BS)- In a disturbing incident, a school Head Master (HM) and Attender allegedly misbehaved with girl students during educational tour. As the students brought this to the notice of their parents, the peeved relatives roughed up both the HM and the Attender, following which the HM has gone absconding with unauthorised leave, while the latter staff attempted suicide by consuming overdose of tablets.

Naganna, HM of Government High School, Beechanahalli, H.D. Kote taluk in the district and Ramesh, the Attender, are those accused of misbehaviour, putting Department of School Education and Literacy in an embarrassing position.

On Nov. 20, 2023, total 50 students, including 30 girls and 20 boys of grades eight, nine and 10, were taken on a tour to Murdeshwar, Gokarna, Yana and Jog Falls, in a bus. Apart from the accused Naganna and Ramesh, teachers Channanayaka, Raghu, Vatsalya and Kokila also accompanied the students.

Naganna, who was already drunk, misbehaved with the students in an objectionable manner throughout the journey.

Upon reaching Murdeshwar, the girl students were playing in the beach, when the accused duo misbehaved, by hugging the students and splashing water at them. However, the students had no other way than bearing their acts till they shared their ordeal with other teachers, during the return journey. The teachers, who consoled the students, advised them to inform their parents.

Head Master Naganna

Attender Ramesh

After returning from the trip, the students told their parents about inappropriate behaviour of the HM and the Attender.

Seething in anger, parents went to school on Monday (Nov. 27) and questioned the HM for harassing their wards, but the latter replied carelessly, without showing any remorse.

He also questioned the parents authority to ask him, only to incite them, resulting in a wordy duel among them.

Enraged parents manhandled the HM, with other teachers being mute spectators. The Attender, co-accused in the case who came to the HM's rescue, also had to taste the wrath of the parents who bashed him.

Meanwhile, when the situation was returning to normal, the HM vacated the spot without leaving any trace, but applied for leave in his chamber, before fleeing away. The Attender also made good his escape later.

After sometime, Attender Ramesh attempted to kill self by consuming an overdose of sleeping tablets and has been admitted to the Government Hospital at H.D. Kote for treatment while HM Naganna continues to remain absconding without attending to any phone calls.

Notice to Head Master, suspension for Attender

Following a report, DDPI H.K. Pandu has served a notice to Head Master (HM) Naganna of Government High School, Beechanahalli, H.D. Kote taluk and ordered for the suspension of Attender Ramesh of the same school.

Pandu said: "Maraiah, Block Education Officer (BEO) of H.D. Kote taluk, had submitted a report about the incident on the basis of the statements of teachers, students and parents, about the objectionable behaviour of the two during the educational tour. It is unacceptable on the part of the HM, who holds a responsible position, to misbehave with the girl students during the trip and also going on an unauthorised leave without bringing it to anybody's notice. A notice has also been served on the HM to submit a report on the tour, the incidents that took place and also about abstaining from duty."

"If he (HM) fails to reply to the notice, disciplinary action will be recommended against him by writing to the Commissioner of School Education and Literacy Department . The notice with my signature has been given to BEO Maraiah who will issue it to the HM in question," added DDPI Pandu.

Mother, son missing from Hebbal

Keerthana and her son Jaswik

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (BS)- A 24-year-old woman and her two-year-old son have gone missing since Nov. 30 from Hebbal in the city.

Keerthana and her son Jaswik are those two who have disappeared, according to a complaint lodged at Hebbal Police Station.

Keerthana is 4.8 feet tall, elongated faced, normal built and oily red in complexion. She is fluent in Kannada and has tattooed 'Anna' on her left hand. She was wearing a green chudidar at the time she went missing.

Jaswik is two-feet tall, round-faced, wheatish in complexion and was wearing white shirt and blue pant.

If anybody comes across them, they may inform Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Mysuru City Police Control Room on 0821-2418339, according to a press release from Station House Officer (SHO) of Hebbal Police Station.

Book accused school staff under POCSO: Former MLA

Beechanahalli, Dec. 2 (BS)- Former H.D. Kote MLA Beechanahalli Chikkanna has demanded for booking a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against the Head Master (HM) and the Attender of Government High School, Beechanahalli, H.D. Kote taluk, for allegedly misbehaving with the girl students during educational tour.

Chikkanna, who also met the students and their parents after learning about the shameful incident, contacted BEO Maraiah over phone and demanded for immediate action after conducting a detailed enquiry into the incident.

"If there is any failure to take action, I myself will stage protest along with the students and parents by locking the school," warned Chikkanna.

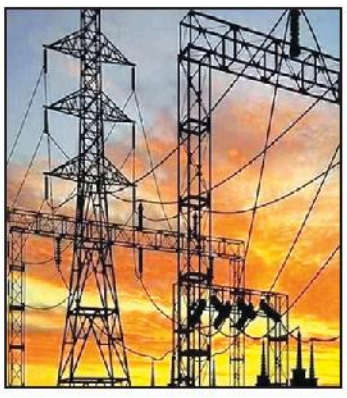
In his reply, BEO told Chikkanna, "DDPI has already taken action on the basis of a detailed report after enquiry."

Chikkanna, who felt disturbed over the incident, said: "The school was built during my tenure and had earned fame as a best school in the State, without any black mark so far. The misbehaviour of the HM and the Attender is a blot on the school and POCSO should be invoked against them."

Asset mortgage worsen escalating energy crisis

Karnataka mortgages buildings, hydroelectric projects to raise money to purchase power

Bengaluru, Dec. 2 (KMS&BCT)- Amidst the concerning backdrop of frequent power cuts and rising tariff impacting their revenues, numerous industries find themselves confronted with grim energy prospects. The scarcity of rainfall, coupled with the South West monsoon's failure, has left Karnataka struggling to meet the escalating power demand.



Confronted with an unforeseen surge in power demand, the Energy Department is grappling with a crisis. To alleviate this, it has resorted to mortgaging assets, including buildings and hydroelectric projects, to secure financing for purchasing power from other States and meeting the demand.

The implementation of the Gruha Jyothi freebie scheme (200 units of free power to all households) has doubled the demand for power in Karnataka, reaching an unexpected peak of over 15,000 MW in October 2023. On a daily basis, the State is grappling with a shortfall of 40-50 million units (MU).

While the monsoon displayed moderate activity in the last two weeks of July, there was a significant rainfall deficit throughout August and September, except for sporadic showers. This has resulted in low storage in major hydro dams, with an energy deficiency of approximately 3,000 MU for the current year.

Compounding the challenges, the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) and five electricity supply companies (Escoms) have failed to settle their dues to the Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd., (KPCL). Transmission and distribution losses are also escalating.

The State Government owes KPCL an alarming Rs. 21,000 crore, with an additional Rs. 1,200 crore obligated per month due to various populist energy schemes. Faced with rising demand and a failed monsoon, the Energy Department is compelled to procure electricity from other States and private power generation companies, resorting to mortgaging assets and hydroelectric plants to fund these acquisitions.

The escalating power deficit is becoming a critical issue in the State, with farmers lamenting the lack of irrigation pumps and industrialists apprehensive about frequent power cuts and tariff hikes. In response to these challenges, the State Government is taking various measures to mitigate the shortage. Apart from mortgaging assets, the Energy Department officials have announced active participation in bidding to purchase power.

While the Government endeavours to address the crisis, the Congress party's free electricity scheme is contributing to the demand surge. This has brought Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's regime under scrutiny, providing Opposition parties with political ammunition to question the Government's competence and financial management, particularly in the months leading up to the Lok Sabha polls.

Doctor found dead in car; suicide suspected

Kushalnagar, Dec. 2 (BS)- An ayurveda doctor was found dead under mysterious circumstances in his car near Anekadu on Bengaluru-Bantwal Highway on Friday. He is suspected to have taken his life by injecting poison.

Dr. G. Satish (47), a native of Shivalli in Pandavapura taluk in Mandya, was running a Ayurveda Clinic in the village. He was also serving on outsource basis at Government Ayurveda Hospitals in Periyapatna and Konanur.

A Maruti Swift car was parked on the Highway near Anekadu at around 3 pm yesterday, with a person in the driving seat found dead inside. The passersby, who noticed this, informed the Rural Police Station. When the Police Inspector Ramesh and staff rushed to the spot, they found injection marks on the hand of Dr. Satish, besides finding a syringe and bottle in the car. His identity came to be known with the help of a chit found in his pocket and his Driving License (DL).

The staff from Government Ayurveda Hospitals of Konanur and Periyapatna were also summoned to the spot to confirm the identity of the deceased.

According to the preliminary investigation, it is a case of suicide with the circumstantial evidences like syringes and medicines found on the spot. However, the authenticity of the death can be ascertained only on the basis of autopsy report.

Police have registered a case of suspicious death and have continued with their investigation.

Dr. Satish, who was visiting the hospital at Konanur on Wednesday and Saturday every week, was going to Periyapatna hospital on the remaining days of the week.

Accordingly, the doctor had been to Periyapatna hospital at 10 am yesterday and looked quite restless and vomited after a while. After drinking a cup of tea brought by a hospital staff, he went out at about 11 am telling that he would take rest in the car, said Ashwathi, a staff at Periyapatna Hospital.

"He was a good person and maintained a cordial relation with all. By his appearance, he did not look dejected, but don't know why he took the extreme step," said Ashwathi in a grief stricken tone.

Sandeep, a friend of Dr. Satish who spoke to media persons at Anekadu said "He was working as a doctor on outsource basis on contract for the past 18 years. However, he was pained over his job not being regularised. His son was also suffering from ailment and even he (Dr. Satish) had health issues. Hence he was dejected that may have driven him to end his life."

Unidentified man dies

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (BS)- An unidentified man died at K.R. Hospital in the city on Nov. 27. The deceased, aged about 65 years, was found in an indisposed state on the footpath near St. Philomena's Church on Nov. 14 at about 9 pm. The public had shifted him to K.R. Hospital, where all efforts made to revive his condition proved futile and he died on the afternoon of Nov. 27. Relatives, if any, may contact Lashkar Police on Ph: 0821-2418307.

Specially-abled persons to create awareness on organ donation

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (GA&TRR) - To commemorate World Disabled Day, an awareness programme about organ donation has been organised tomorrow at 10 am near Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple premises. The programme is jointly organised by District Deaf Association, District Health and Family Welfare Department, Lions Club of Mysore, Nisarga Mysuru, Blind Association, Specially Abled Association, Mysuru District Journalists Association, BGS Apollo Hospitals and National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), said District Deaf Association President H.S. Murthy at press a conference held at Patrakartara Bhavan in the city yesterday.

"Specially-abled persons will register their names for organ donation to create awareness about organ donation among the general public. The registrations will be held on the spot. Donating organs of dead persons is the greatest possible service to mankind. Hence, everyone should join hands in this campaign," appealed Murthy.

District Blind Association President T.V. Nagaraj, Deaf Association Vice-President Mahesh Varma, Lions Nisarga President Jayakumar, Leo Club President S.S. Ananya and BGS Apollo Hospital's Dr. Praveen Chandrashekar were present.

Student dies in car accident

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (BS)- A 22-year-old student, who was critically injured in a road accident in the city on Nov. 30, succumbed at a hospital later in the day.

K.N. Vikas, a resident of Railway Layout, was driving his car towards Malegara Maramma temple from Srirampura at about 10 am, when he allegedly lost control over the steering near T.S. Chatra junction and veered towards the left ramming into the electric pole on service road.

He had been admitted to a private hospital, where he succumbed at 3 pm same day.

KR Traffic Police have registered a case.

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The Name Game

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As I read the paper on Thursday, I was upset with a particular news. The headline read *"Forest personnel raid Snake Shyam's house"!*

Why did they have to raid his home? What did he do that was so wrong?

Shyam was nursing two Bonnet monkeys and three Indian black turtles back to health at home. He had forgotten to inform the Forest Department that he had rescued them and was nursing them back to health in his house. That was his mistake.

Snake Shyam may not be a trained herpetologist but he has been rescuing, rehabilitating and educating the public about snakes for 41 years! And he has been doing it for FREE!

Shyam's work with animals and his service to the city has culminated in our city naming a street after him. The city has even named the first 'urban forest' after him.

Why, then, did the Forest Department have to embarrass this man? Why couldn't they call him or drop into his place and do him the courtesy of asking him what was going on?

The cynical me assumed that the snake catchers' lobby was targeting Shyam. Snake catchers charge Rs. 250 - Rs.500 to catch a snake in a house, but Shyam does it for free, so my suspicion was legit.

When I enquired, it turned out the issue was with his name!

The Forest Department officials, like most Mysureans, know Snake Shyam, but they do not know Mirle Subbarao Balasubramaniam, which is Snake Shyam's official name.

Someone reportedly informed the Forest Department that one Balasubramaniam had turtles and monkeys at home. The Department raided the place only to realise it was Snake Shyam's house.

Life can be confusing and problematic when nicknames become more popular than real names. Sometimes, they are misleading, too. I had written about this a decade ago. Here is an excerpt.

There was a infamous young man named *'Choori Loki'* (dagger Lokesh) in Mysuru in the mid-1990s. How he got this fierce and fear-inducing name is an interesting story.

When in college, all of us had heard of this supposedly rowdy named *'Choori Loki'*. He had a Marvel comics villain vibe to him. After all, he had *'Choori'* (dagger) as his first name. Years later, we heard of his 'origin story'.

Lokesh used to hang around with rowdy-type characters but was never one himself. One evening, a fight broke out between two groups, and Lokesh was caught in the crossfire. In the melee, by mistake, his rowdy friend knifed Lokesh's buttocks.

Lokesh was rushed to the hospital with a bleeding bum. As he walked out of the hospital with bandages on his buttocks, he became the 'butt' of 'buttock jokes'. Because he was stabbed with a dagger *(choori)*, his friends named him *'Choori Loki.'*

So, *'Choori Loki'* wasn't the perpetrator of pain like his name suggested but, the victim! *'Choori Loki'* also noticed the new-found respect the nickname had bestowed upon him and moved around like a cool, quiet assassin who could pull out his *Choori* and reign pain upon thee. He basked in that glory for a long time until the real story came out. By that time, he had left Mysuru.

There are numerous such names, from *'Chirathe'* (leopard) Manju to *'Kardi'* (bear) Balu from 'Tiger' Ramesh to 'Cat' Babu. All nicknames created in their younger days have now become their unofficially-official names.

They believe their name helps increase their recall value. Some of them are in politics and when their real names are published, they call our paper office the next day and request that their 'business' name be used.

Even our Kannada film stars have interesting prefixes to their names. There is the 'Rebel Star' Ambarish, his son Abhishek is now called the 'Junior Rebel Star'. Then we have 'Golden Star' Ganesh, 'Challenging Star' Darshan and 'Power Star' Puneeth Rajkumar.

Additionally, some people are given their physical attributes as prefixes before their name, such as *'Dhadiya'* Lokesh (giant Lokesh) or *'Kari'* Naga (dark Nagesh). It may sound derogatory, but it's just a name created for "recognisability."

Once they are recognised, they want luck to be an add-on. So, many politicians have begun changing the spelling of their names to change their luck.

In Mysuru, the first popular name change story was that of the Chamaraja Constituency MLA, the late Harsha Kumar Gowda. It is said that when he was initially just Harsha Kumar, he contested the MLA election twice and lost. Then, he was advised to add 'Gowda' for luck. It worked and he won the third time.

More than numerology, maybe the 'Gowda' add-on helped affirm his allegiance to a community and get him the votes because, after the first term, this name-change strategy never worked because another man with the 'Gowda' suffix came into the fray — Shankaralingegowda.

Recently, one of the Congress aspirants for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, Dr. H.V. Shushrutha Hedna, changed his name to Dr. H.V. Shushrutha Gowda.

The other famous name change in the past was that of former MLA S.A. Ramdas; he found it unlucky being just an A. Ramdas.

Then, our former Chief Minister became B.S. Yeddyurappa from B.S. Yediyurappa (he changed back again to Yediyurappa before the oath taking ceremony in 2019) and our former MP Vishwanath became Adagur H. Vishwanath from being just H. Vishwanath.

More recently, our MP Prathap Simha became Pratap Simmha. Well, how much does this work? Ramdas became an MLA, Vishwanath became a Minister and Yediyurappa came out of jail. Pratap Simmha has done a lot of work, but there is no harm in getting a little push from lady luck.

The same trend exists among ordinary citizens of India. Numerology is a science. Maybe it is not. But while everyone is changing their names to get ahead in life, has anyone thought of our country?

Ever since independence, we have been 'forever a developing' nation but never getting to be a 'developed' one. Could this streak of *'dosha'* (bad luck) be ended with a name change? How about India to Bharat? Could this change our nation's fortunes?

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'Law Guide' releases 2024 calendar & diary. Web edition launched

Diary and calendars are integral part of Advocates: Dr. K.B. Ganapathy

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (BLU&DM)- The 2024 calendar and diary, brought out by the city-based *Law Guide* Kannada Monthly, was released at a programme organised at Hotel Metropole on JLB Road here this morning.

Star of Mysore and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy (KBG), who was conferred the Honorary Doctorate by University of Mysore (UoM) recently, was felicitated on the occasion.

Speaking after being feted, Dr. KBG shared his experience as an Advocate in the early years of his career and said that diary and calendar are a very crucial and integral part of Advocates.

Complimenting the *Law Guide* for bringing out the new year calendar and diary much in advance, he said he was thankful for *Law Guide* to have felicitated him on the occasion.

Recalling the services of former IPS Officer D.N. Munikrishna, who had served as Mysuru SP for long in the 80s, Dr. Ganapathy said that he could recollect two important contributions of Munikrishna when had served as SP here — One the way he quelled the communal riots that flared up in city by deftly handling the situation and the other was his successful effort in reviving wrestling *(kusti)* in city which was facing bad days.

The 2024 calendar & diary, brought out by 'Law Guide' Kannada Monthly, was released at Hotel Metropole on JLB Road in city this morning. Seen are (from left) ***CFTRI Scientist Shylaja Dharmesh, Data Security Council of India (DSCI) Senior Director K. Venkatesh Murthy, MLA G.T. Devegowda,*** *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy, retired Principal District and Sessions Court Judge C.G. Hungund, former IPS Officer D.N. Munikrishna, MLC Marithibbegowda,*** *Law Guide* ***Honorary Editor H.N. Venkatesh, Mysore Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy and Senior Advocate M.D. Harish Kumar Hegde.***

"Munikrishna, through his intelligence, common sense and experience, served the district as SP with efficiency and integrity. Munikrishna played a key role in the promotion of Mysuru as an important destination for wrestling as a sport," he said.

Noting that everyone has dreams, Dr. KBG said that though luck is necessary for the fulfilment of dreams, determination, dedication and efforts play a very crucial role in achieving the desired results.

Recalling his journey from Bengaluru to Mumbai and back to Mysuru in 1978 when he started *Star of Mysore* Daily eveninger, Dr. KBG maintained that Mysuru has been his 'Karyakshetra' *(Karmabhoomi)* and thanked the Mysureans for their support in his endeavour.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, who was one of the chief guests, recalled the services of D.N. Munikrishna as Mysuru SP in the 80s, which he said would ever be etched in the minds of the people of the district.

"Though *Mysuru Mithra* is a regional Kannada morninger and covered five districts, its name and fame has spread throughout the State. It is befitting that the University of Mysore considered KBG's decades long services to journalism and the society and bestowed him the Honorary Doctorate of the University," he said and wished Dr. KBG a long and healthy life so that he could continue his service to the society.

Former IPS Officer D.N. Munikrishna, who presided, regretted the decline of human values in public life with the passage of time. Bemoaning that cunningness, cheating, looting and the like have raised their ugly head over good values and virtues, he said that Science and Technology are advancing at more than expected pace. However, it has become difficult for the elderly to cope with the pace of such advancements, he said and called upon the Legal fraternity to render justice to their clients.

Retired Principal District and Sessions Court Judge C.G. Hungund released the 'Law Guide' calendar and diary, while K. Venkatesh Murthy, Senior Director of Data Security Council of India (DSCI), launched the website edition of 'Law Guide.'

CFTRI Scientist Shylaja Dharmesh, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar and Senior Advocates H.V. Srinath, C. Basavaraj, Manohar, Shivannegowda and Puttaswamy were also felicitated on the occasion.

MLC Marithibbegowda, Mysore Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy, Secretary Umesh, *Law Guide* Honorary Editor H.N. Venkatesh, Senior Advocate M.D. Harish Kumar Hegde and others were present.

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Senior Advocate Manohar, CFTRI Scientist Dr. Shylaja Dharmesh, DSCI Senior Director K. Venkatesh Murthy,*** *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar and Senior Advocates C. Basavaraj, H.V. Srinath & Puttaswamy, who were felicitated by*** *Law Guide,* ***are seen with the guests and organisers.***

Dy. Commissioner warns of action

(Continued from page 1)

The HR personnel told the DC that they have provided a large percentage of jobs to land-losers within one year of the establishment of the companies. "In many cases, jobs are sought even five to six years after the companies are established," they said.

Other industry representatives said that in Immavu Industrial Area, KIADB has acquired 450-acre land, issued notifications and also allotted lands to the industries. "However, we are not able to set up industries as certain people are threatening us of dire consequences if 'hafta' money (up to Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 lakh) is not paid to them. Due to this harassment and threatening, none of the industries are willing to construct buildings on the land that is legally theirs," they said.

Responding to the concerns raised by industrialists, the KIADB CEO assured to convene a meeting with Chief Minister Siddharamaiah after the Belagavi winter session of the legislature.

Joint Director of District Industries Centre Dinesh Kumar, KIADB Development Officer Sushma, Special Land Acquisition Officer Priyadarshini, Hosakote Basavaraju of the Raitha Sangha, Hasiru Sene's Vidyasagar, KATKHI (Kadakola, Adakanahalli, Thandya, Kochanahalli, Immavu) Industrial Association President Prashanth and others were present.

Weavers Federation to present Pratibha Puraskar tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (GA&TRR)- Devala Maharshi Employees Forum has organised a Pratibha Puraskar at Kalamandira in city tomorrow at 8 am," said District Weavers Federation's Hon. President R. Murthy, yesterday.

Top scorer students and also achievers of the community will be felicitated. Dayananda Puri Swamiji of Hampi's Hemakoota Gayathri Peeta Mahasamsthana will grace the occasion. MLA K. Harishgowda will inaugurate and President of District Devanga Association M.S. Jayaprakash will preside. Prof. B.V. Vasantakumar will speak on *'Devala Maharshi and Devara Dasimaiah',* Murthy added.

Federation Hon. President L. Vasudev, President Dinesh, PRO G.J. Halesh, Devanga Family Director Balaraju, Devanga Hostel President Chinmaya were present .

Panel discussions, research papers mark 'My City Governance Conclave'

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (BCT)- Under the auspices of the Youth for Governance Fellowship-2023, Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), in collaboration with Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), New Delhi, Hanns Seidel Foundation India and School of Public Health, JSS Medical College, Mysuru, organised the 'My City Governance Conclave-2023' at JSS Medical College in city on Nov. 28.

The conclave comprised panel discussions, research presentations and poster displays by youths. N.R. Group Partner and Chairman of GRAAM Arjun Ranga, Founder and Managing Director, GSS Project and Yoga practitioner Srihari Dwarkanath and Principal of JSS Medical College Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa inaugurated the event.

Programme Manager, Hanns Seidel Foundation India, Rahul Khera and Executive Director of GRAAM Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta were present.

In his introductory note, Dr. Basavaraju Shreshta highlighted a three-point mantra for the flourishing of 'people's polity,' emphasising the importance of controlling administrative powers, fostering accountability and encouraging citizen participation.

Acknowledging the impracticality of enforcing participation by law, he advocated for continuous nudging to ensure citizen engagement. He also discussed the low youth participation in governance in Karnataka.

Arjun Ranga spoke about driving social change through ethical business practices and encouraged youths to leverage the present positive governance ecosystem for building social enterprises.

Srihari Dwarakanath shared insights into challenges, issues, and nuances of public leadership and communication, highlighting the Swachh Mysuru campaign and expressed confidence in the capabilities of youth as social leaders capable of shaping their own future and contributing to society's betterment.

Director of PRIA Academy Dr. Kaustav Kanti Bandopadhyay, Rahul Khera, Dr. Basavanagowdappa also spoke. Rithanya Pratheeksha proposed a vote of thanks.

The second session featured research presentations by Youth for Governance Fellows on various governance subjects connected with the city of Mysuru.

The research topics included the study on mental health and health-seeking behaviour among people living in urban slums, an observational study of selected Anganwadi in city, an assessment of social welfare schemes provided by Mysuru City Corporation to persons with physical disabilities, and a study of citizen engagement in local governance in Mysuru. The session was followed by valedictory ceremony, presided over by Satish Chandra, Administrative Officer at JSS Medical College.

As part of the conclave, a poster presentation competition was held on the theme "My City My Vision My Contribution."

Students from various educational institutions participated, presenting their visions through posters. The top three posters were awarded during the valedictory session.

India's per capita income to double by 2030: Expert

60 million households will move to middle-income bracket

Uday Kumar Hebbar, MD, Credit Access Grameen Limited, seen inaugurating the Conference at SDM-IMD as Dr. B. Venkatraja, Chairperson of the Conference, Dr. Mohamed Minhaj, Chairperson of Academic Programmes at SDM-IMD and students look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (BCT)- "Microfinance is no longer confined to the 'micro' realm; it has evolved into a distinct asset class," opined Udaya Kumar Hebbar, Managing Director of Credit Access Grameen Limited.

He was delivering the keynote address at the 8th International Economics Conference organised by Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) in Mysuru recently.

The conference, themed "Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Emerging Trends," witnessed Hebbar's insights during its inauguration.

Hebbar projected optimism about India's economic trajectory, stating, "The per capita income in India is anticipated to double by 2030, with 60 million households transitioning to the middle-income bracket during this period. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, India has demonstrated remarkable resilience and achieved robust growth."

Highlighting the silent but impactful role of microfinance, Hebbar noted its gradual contribution to narrowing income and livelihood disparities, particularly fostering improved gender parity in rural India. Furthermore, he emphasised the pivotal role Microfinance Institutions play in advancing Sustainable Development Goals, addressing issues such as poverty, quality education, gender equality and access to clean water & sanitation.

In addressing the changing landscape, Hebbar discussed both opportunities and challenges facing the microfinance sector. He expressed confidence in the new harmonised microfinance guidelines, foreseeing them as instrumental in safeguarding customer interests. Hebbar underscored the sector's role in fostering inclusive growth in the rural economy by extending microcredit to the last mile of society.

Dr. B. Venkatraja, the Conference Chairperson at SDM-IMD, introduced the conference theme, underscoring the delicate balance required between economic growth aspirations and environmental protection for sustainability.

Dr. Mohamed Minhaj, Chairperson of Academic Programmes at SDM-IMD, provided an overview of how technologies and innovations drive the economy.

Over the course of two days, the conference delved into 130 academic research papers presented by scholars from various esteemed institutions. The discussions covered a spectrum of emerging issues and trends related to the economy, growth, and sustainability.

'Noble Citizen Award' 2023

Mysuru, Dec. 2 (BCT)- Executive Director of GRAAM Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta received the prestigious 'Noble Citizen Award 2023' from the Nobel Citizen Foundation, at the event held at Hans Raj College Auditorium, Delhi University.

The award was presented by K.L. Ganju, Consul General (Hon.) of the Republic of the Union of the Comoros. This award was given considering the social service of Dr. Basavaraju especially in the education and skill development sector.

The jury, including Justice Lok Pal Singh of Uttarakhand High Court, Nana Kojo Asiedu (First Secretary, High Commission of the Republic of Ghana) and Justice Krishna Debnath from Bangladesh selected accomplished persons from India and abroad.

Excel in District-level Yuvajanotsava contests

Prize-winning students of Vijaya Vittala PU are seen with Principal H. Satyaprasad and English lecturer Mayuralakshmi.

Mysuru, Dec. 2- The students of Vijaya Vittala PU College, Mysuru, have bagged several prizes in various competitions at 'Mysuru District-level Yuvajanotsava' organised by District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Mysuru in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra at Chamundi Vihar Sports Stadium in city recently.

V. Thanusha has won first prize in English Story Writing and second in English Speech; Sanika has won second prize in Poster Making; S. Sneha and group have won second prize in Folk Song; M. Aniruddha has won third prize in Kannada Story writing and Pranathi has won third prize in Solo Folk Song.

DAR wins District-level Police Sports Meet

Mysuru, Dec.2 (MK&DM)- District Armed Reserve (DAR) Police, Mysuru, bagged the first place in team events and Individual events at the three-day District level Annual Police sports meet which concluded at DAR Grounds in Jyothinagar here on Friday.

DAR bagged the overall championship by securing 75 points. G.G. Raghunandan of DAR came first in individual events of Men's section by winning 100 Mt, 200 Mt, 400 Mt running race and second place in High Jump.

In the women's section, H.S. Ashwitha of Bylakuppe Police Station bagged the overall individual prize by coming first in 100 Mt. running race, Shot put, Discus throw and Javelin throw and second place in 200 Mt. running race and Long jump.

In the Men's 4x100 Relay event, DAR team bagged the first prize, followed by Nanjangud Sub-division with second prize and Hunsur sub-division with third prize.

In the men's 4x400 relay event, Nanjangud Sub-division bagged the first place, followed by DAR which bagged the second place and Mysuru Rural Sub-division, the third place.

In the team events, Hunsur sub-division bagged the first place, followed by DAR in the second place. In Kabaddi, Mysuru Rural Sub-division emerged the winner, while DAR ended as Runner-up. In the Tug of War event, DAR bagged the first place, while Nanjangud sub-division emerged as the runner-up.

In cricket, the Mysuru SP team bagged the first place and Additional SP team secured the second place.

DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah distributed prizes to the winners. SP Seema Latkar, Additional SP Dr. B.N.Nandini and other Police Officers were present.

Disabled need self-confidence more than empathy: District Minister

Mysuru, Dec.2 (MTY&DM)- Social Welfare and Mysuru District Incharge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said that disabled children need Self-confidence more-than empathy, so that they can come to the mainstream of society.

Mahadevappa

He was speaking after inaugurating the Sports Meet for the differently abled organised jointly by the District Administration, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Women and Child Development Department and Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, at Chamundi Vihar stadium in Nazarbad here yesterday.

Pointing out that it is not easy to take care of disabled children, Dr. Mahadevappa said that only affection and commitment can help in proper care and nurture of the disabled.

Underlining the role of teachers in the care of special children, he said that the Government has been organising the sports meet for the disabled for the past 25 years. Noting that before that, some associations and organisations used to organise the meet, the Minister said that the Government has been granting Rs.50,000 to every district of the State for organising such sports meet every year.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa in his address, said that it is important to encourage special children to come up with their hidden talent. Pointing out that the sports meet provides a good platform for the specially abled children, he said it is important to educate the children on the opportunities that are available, more than winning or losing.

Earlier, hundreds of children presented a March Past, which received a huge applause from the gathering.

ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Differently Abled Welfare Officer K.V. Jyothi, Deputy Director, Women and Child Development Department B. Basavaraju, Assistant Director, Department of Youth empowerment and Sports Bhaksar Nayak were present on the occasion.

Get-together of Sri Kaveri Kodava Assn. tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 2- The annual get-together of Sri Kaveri Kodava Association, Mysuru East, will be held at its premises at No. 4, Kaveri Road, Vidyashankaranagar, Mysuru, tomorrow (Dec. 3) at 10 am.

Association President Puliyanda S. Devaiah will preside. Virajpet MLA Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna will be the chief guest. Kodava Samaja Mysuru President Ponjanda A. Ganapathy will be the special invitee.

Association Senior Members Kuppanda M. Achaiah and Maniyapanda A. Muthanna will be felicitated on the occasion. Also, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy, who received Hon. Doctorate from University of Mysore recently, will be honoured as a special achiever.

Free Health and Eye Check-up Camp in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 2- Azam Baithul Maal, a charitable institution established in the year 1974, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year.

Addressing a press meet in its office in the premises of Masjid-e-Azam, Lashkar Mohalla, Azam Baithul Maal Secretary Prof. Riaz Ahmed said that as part of its Golden Jubilee celebration, a free Health and Eye Check-up Camp is organised tomorrow (Dec. 3) between 9 am and 1 pm at Azam Public School, near Five Light Circle,.

The General Check-up, BP, Eye Testing, Haemoglobin Test, Diabetes Test and Orthopaedic-related Test will be done free of cost. Free medicines will be provided for the deserving patients from Azam Baithul Maal.

Speaking on the occasion, Azam Baithul Maal Joint Secretary Dr. Nayeemulla Shariff informed that a grand Golden Jubilee celebration will be organised on Feb. 18, 2024 and the details will be provided later.

Interested patients can attend the camp and utilise the facility in large numbers.

Expert doctors will check the patients.

Azam Baithul Maal Member Prof. Noor Ahmed Khan was present at the press meet.

WORD OF THE DAY

Scrumptious

Pronunciation: SKRUMP-shus.
Meaning: Scrumptious is an informal word that is usually used as a synonym of delicious, but can also mean "delightful" or "excellent."
Origin: First appearing in English in the early 1800s, scrumptious is a mouth-watering word that is used to describe things delightful and delectable. It may have originated as an alteration of sumptuous, carrying the elegant connotations of its parent, though this is not certain. The Oxford English Dictionary cites a dialect form of the word used to mean "cheap, stingy" as its earliest use and posits that it could instead have been formed by combining the verb scrimp, meaning "to be frugal or stingy," with the adjective suffix -ious. (Scrimption meaning "a tiny amount or pittance" could be a relation.)
Example: "Need a scrumptious Thanksgiving side dish that will have your holiday guests scrambling for the biggest helping? ... This Thanksgiving casserole is more like a dessert than a side dish. It features a rich, silky smooth sweet potato filling that entices the taste buds with cream, butter, pure vanilla extract, and freshly grated nutmeg." — USA Today, 18 Nov. 2022.

THE ODD WORD

Saltativeness
Ability to jump.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Saved by the bell

Meaning: The phrase 'Saved by the bell' is used when one has been saved by the timely intervention of something or someone, or when one has been rescued from difficulty at the last second.
Origin: The expression 'Saved by the bell' is an allusion to the bell that is rung at the end of each boxing round. If the bell rings before a knocked-down boxer is counted out, it allows him to get up and move to the fight's next round.
Example: "I couldn't prevent myself from explaining her absence any longer, but then Jill showed up and I was saved by the bell."

QUOTE BOX

Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

—John Donne

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Out of pocket.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 It's given to pacify or quiet, or as a bribe
4 Circuit
7 Legends or epics
9 Glorify
12 Pertaining to teeth
13 The one who employs or engages some one's services
14 Goat hair fabric
15 Major arteries
17 On ___ date : on the pre-determined payment date?
18 Frighten
20 Chiding sound
21 Tough guy
22 Short term employee, in short
23 Major river flowing through India
27 Colouring agents
28 A band or group of workers
29 Table scrap
30 Dog-like carnivore
32 Primate
35 Tufted beard
37 Fate, destiny
39 Half-crown
40 Lets in
41 Witch town - "Doner" anagram?
42 Mocks or scoffs at
43 Girl's name
44 Desmond's pet name?

DOWN
1 Irish playwright
2 German boy's name
3 Ruler of ancient Egypt at the time of Exodus
4 Hungarian composer of "Merry Widow"
5 Self-evident truth
6 A young salmon
7 Carte du jour
8 Ski race
10 It may be sent by one pen-pal to another?
11 Emotional shock with lasting effect
12 Pop
16 Rockers Stone Temple Pilots
19 Saying - a saw or a maxim
21 Possesses
22 Time To Go
23 From memory without thought of meaning (2,4)
24 Keep
25 Ghazal maestro ___ Udhas
26 Without assistance
27 Domesticated canine
30 Plumed bird
31 Long for
32 Moslem princes
33 Animals that are kept as companions and cared for affectionately
34 Aliens?
36 POTA predecessor
38 One of Captain Hook's men

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	U	B	S	■	M	E	L	■	A	N	T	S
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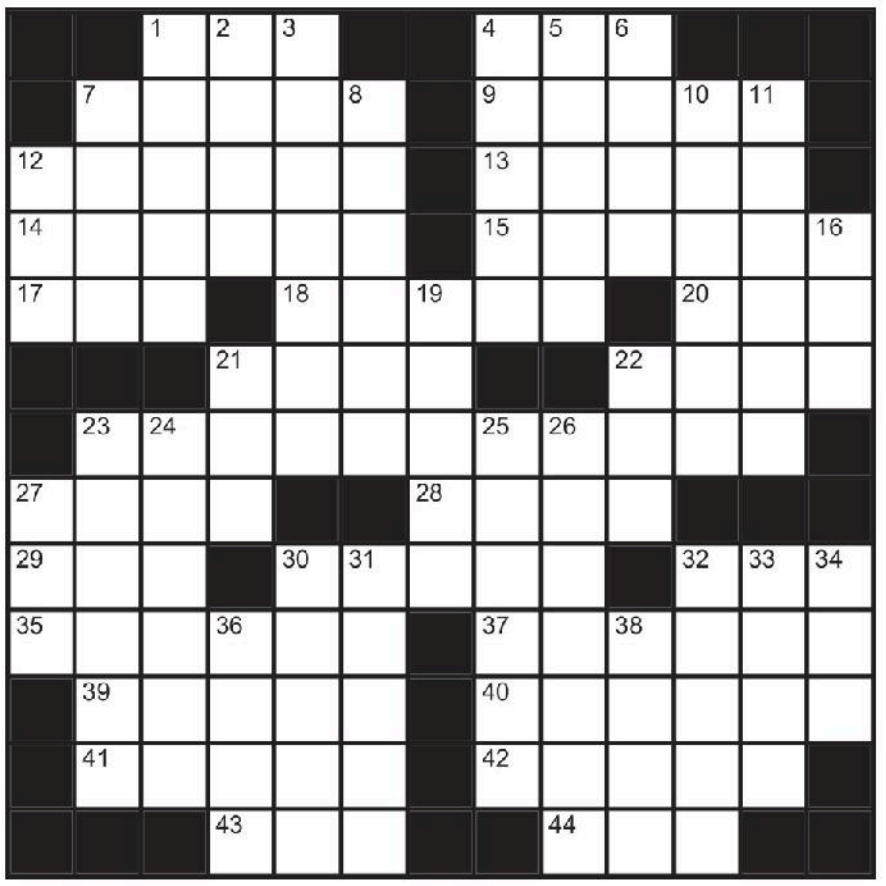

SUDOKU

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8			1			4		
		6		8	5			
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Answer to previous puzzle

5	8	1	2	4	9	7	3	6
2	4	7	8	3	6	9	1	5
9	3	6	1	5	7	4	2	8
4	1	5	7	8	3	6	9	2
7	6	2	9	1	5	3	8	4
8	9	3	6	2	4	5	7	1
1	5	9	4	7	8	2	6	3
6	2	4	3	9	1	8	5	7
3	7	8	5	6	2	1	4	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UI WUPW UPWU JZ ABZKK

NIKIBLIK JZ ABZEJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A goal is not always meant to be reached, it often serves simply as something to aim at.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Animal (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Sam Bahadur (H) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Anavarana (K) - 2 Shows; *Garudiga (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Ranchi (K) - 4 Shows
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- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
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- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
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- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Annapoorani - The Goddess of Food (Ta) - 4 Shows

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Animal (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 2.20 pm, 6.10 pm
	(S-4)	6.30 pm, 10.15 pm
Animal (Te)	(S-1)	10.05 pm
Animal (K)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Ardhambardha Premakathe (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Parking (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Bad Manners (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am
Annapoorani - Goddess of Food (Ta)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Sapta Sagardaache Ello - B (K)	(S-3)	7.20 pm (S-4) 10.05 am, 1 pm
Atharva (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Ranchi (K)	(S-4)	3.50 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Parking (Ta)	(S-1)	10.35 am
Saptha Sagaradaache Ello – B (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm; (S-4) 10.45 am
Bad Manners (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Ardhambardha Prema Kathe (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Annapoorani: Goddess of Food (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Animal (H)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 6.00 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	7.45 pm; (S-4) 2.40 pm
Animal (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	1.45 pm; (S-4) 9.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.10 am, 4.50 pm
Napolean (E)	(S-4)	6.25 pm

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Animal (K)	: 1.50 pm
Annapoorani - Goddess of Food (Ta)	: 4.15 pm
Kaathal - The Core (Ma)	: 10.15 pm
Parking (Ta)	: 1.25 pm, 7.20 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	: 9.20 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	: 12.35 pm, 7.05 pm
Shoshite (K)	: 11.00 am
Tiger 3 (H)	: 3.45 pm, 10.10 pm

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Animal (H)	: 8.10 am, 9.30 am, 10.00 am 1.35 pm, 2.05 pm, 5.40 pm 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Animal (K)	: 12.05 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	: 8.50 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	: 4.10 pm
Ardhambardha Prema Kathe (K)	: 7.15 pm
Parking (2023) (Ta)	: 10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 2)

- **Angala Sahitya Balaga, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, Ladai Prakashana, Gadag:** Thinker G.S. Jayadeva releases Dr. H.S. Anupama's books 'Janasevasakte Yashodhara Dasappa', 'Gadi Daatida Hennugala Kathana' and 'Plastic Parisara,' former Council Chairman V.R. Sudarshan chief guest, journalists Dinesh Amin Mattu and S. Rashmi will speak about the book, Professor R. Indira presides, Vinod Mahadevapura welcomes, Dr. M.N. Kavitha comperes, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha:** Inauguration of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Memorial 28th Music Conference, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces, veteran mridangist A.V. Anand chairs, Bangalore (North) University VC Niranjan Vanalli and former MLC G. Madhusudan chief guests, **5.30 pm;** Flute recital by **Heramba and Hemantha,** Vaibhav Ramani on violin, Arjun Kumar on mridanga and by G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, Navajyothi auditorium, JSS Women's College premises, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**

- **Yuva Natya Shale - School of Indian Classical Dance, Hootagalli, Mysuru:** 4th Annual Day celebrations, senior Bharatanatyam artiste Vidu. Pankaja Ramakrishnaiah of Sri Someshwara Nruthya Kala Mandira, Mysuru, chief guest, senior Karnatak vocalist Vidu. C.S. Lakshmi guest of honour; Felicitation to talented students, theme-based dance recital 'Ramayana Darshanam' by students of Yuva Natya Shale, accompanied by Dr. Vidu. N. Catherine Archer on natuvanga, Vidu. C.S. Lakshmi on vocal, Vid. M.J. Kiran Kumar on mridanga, Vid. M.N. Madhusudan on violin, Vid. C.R. Raghavendra Prasad on rhythm pad; Costume and make-up by Sri Rajarajeshwari Vasthralankara, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**
- **Heritage House:** 6th movie screening and discussion with director; Screening of documentary 'The Road To Kuthrivar', directed by Bharat Milre, Director of award-winning International Films, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Gayana Sabha, Mysuru:** Karnatak Classical Music Concert by Vidushi Srimatha Ramanand, Adamya Ramanand on mridanga and Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Viprananda speaks on 'Karmayoga,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 3)

- **Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust:** 18th Annual Mahabhisheka to Nandi Statue atop Chamundi Hill in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji and Hosamutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji, **8 am.**
- **Sri Guru Puttaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** *Padma Vibhushan* Pt. Puttaraj Gawai's 13th Punya Smarane, 'Bhairavadinda Bhyravi' Music Fest, vocal concerts, **9 am;** Inauguration by MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Sabha Hon. President and Coporator M.V. Ramaprasad presides, presentation of 'Puttashree Samman' to Pradyumna Karpoora of Bengaluru by industrialist Dr. Jagannath M. Shenoy and 'Guru Vachana Prabha Gana Sri 2023' to first prize winner of Vachana Gayana State-level Contest Poorvi Niranjana, **10 am;** Music concerts, **11 am onwards;** Prasada Seve by Sri Raghavendra Caterers, **1 pm;** Music concerts, **2 pm onwards;** Bhairava Mangala Sangeetha, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm onwards.**
- **Sri Devala Maharshi Noukarara Vedike, Mysuru and Devanga Sangha, Mysuru:** Pratibha Puraskar presentation, MLA K. Harishgowda inaugurates, District Devanga Sangha President M.S. Jayaprakash presides, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **9 am to 1 pm.**
- **Little Sisters for Poor - Home for the Aged:** Fun Fair, Little Sisters for Poor - Home for the Aged, Udayagiri, **9 am to 4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2455017 or Mob: 94804-42547]
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha:** Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Memorial 28th Music Conference, vocal concert by disciples of Dr. R.N. Srilatha; Lecture-demonstration on 'Experiences of a musicians' life' by A.V. Anand; 'The evolution of Indian and Western Musical Fusion' by Dr. Priyanka Venkatesh, USA; 'The intricacies of the "Daatu" Prayoga' by G.K. Manamohan, **10 am;** Violin duet by Sumukh Chandra and Rupanagudi Ratna Teja, **5.30 pm;** Vocal concert by Sriranjani Santhanagopalan, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar), Mysuru:** Sharana Sangama-288, Dr. Mahendramurthy Devanur, Kannada Professor, JSS College, Mysuru, delivers talk on 'Vachanakarara Jeevana Moulyagalu,' H.V. Basavaraju, President, Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar), presides, Basava Bhavana, CA Site-5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **District Deaf Association, Health and Family Welfare Department, Lions Club of Mysore Nisarga, Mysore Blind Association, Differently Ables Association, MDJA, BGS Hospital and NAREDCO:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Body Donation Awareness Camp, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **10 am.**
- **District Administration, ZP, Women & Child Development Department, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, DYES and organisations working for the differently abled:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates in the presence of CM Siddharamaiah, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh guest of honour, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Open Forum:** Talk on 'Advanced Physics for all' by Prof. N.D. Hari Dass, Senior Professor (retd.) of Physics, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, Kalpa Kshetra, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94498-19536]
- **Ursu Mandali Sangha:** Foundation-laying ceremony (Bhoomi Puje) for Centenary Hall, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar of erstwhile Mysore Royal Family performs Bhoomi Puje, Kappadi Manteswamy Mutt Seer Sri Varchasvi Srikanta Siddalingaraje Urs graces the occasion, Boppegowdanapura Manteswamy Mutt Seer Sri Jnanananda Chennaraje Urs and Lingaiah Chennaiahnavara Gaddige Srikshetra-Kurubana Katte Dharmadhikari B.S. Varun Lingaraje Urs guests of honour, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah inaugurates, #47/A, M.G. Road, near JSS Hospital, Khille Mohalla, **10.30 am.**

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	(S-4)	8.05 am, 12.10 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-3)	9.25 am, 12.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
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Sam Bahadur (H)	: 9.25 am, 3.50 pm 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	: 12.40 pm
Anavarana (K)	: 3.00 pm

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